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SUBJECT: KRAKOW UNIVERSITY HONORS DISTINGUISHED  
AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN OF POLISH DESCENT.

1. EDWARD J. PISZEK, THE PROMINENT POLISH-AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADER FROM PHILADELPHIA, WAS TODAY TUESDAY AWARDED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE BY THE WORLD-FAMOUS JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF KARKOW, POLAND. IN NOON-TIME CEREMONIES AT THE UNIVERSITY'S MEDIEVAL COLLEGIUM MAIUS HALL, MR. PISZEK WAS SINGLED OUT FOR HIS INDUFATIGABLE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE POLISH CULTURE, FOR HIS MANY ENDEAVOURS IN PROMOTING POLISH-AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND FOR HIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN SEVERAL FIELDS, INCLUDING HIS WORK WITH THE WORLD HUNGER PROBLEM. RECTOR PROF. MIECZYSLAW KARAS PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY MRS. PISZEK, U.S. AMBASSADOR RICHARD T. DAVIES, VICE MINISTER WIESLAW ADAMSKI OF THE POLISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (WHO IS ALSO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE POLONIA SOCIETY), DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY RECTORATE AND FACULTY, AND LCOAL OFFICIALS.

2. RECOTR KARAS UNDERLINED IN HIS SPEECH THE GREAT  
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CONTRIBUTION OF MR. PISZEK TO BRINGING

POLISH AND AMERICAN CULTURES CLOSER TOGETHER AND TO EXECUTING VARIOUS PROJECTS OF A HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER. PROF. DR. KAZIMIERZ OPALEK, DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE OF THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE ACTIVITIES OF MR. PISZEK IN THE FIELD OF POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, HIS GENEROUS PARTICIPATION IN FINANCING THE BUILDING OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER IN WARSAW AND IN EQUIPPING THE POLISH HEALTH SERVICE.

3. IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, MR. PISZEK PROUDLY PROCLAIMED HIS POLISH HERITAGE AND PLEDGED FURTHER EFFORTS TO HELP PROMOTE POLISH CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS. HE CITED THE INSPIRATIONS HE OBTAINED FROM PRESIDENT WILSON, WHOM HE CALLED A "GREAT COMMUNICATOR" OF IDEAS. MR. PISZEK NOTED THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMERICAN OF POLISH DESCENT IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. AND, HE EXPRESSED HIS DEEP-FELT THANKS TO JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS FOR THE HONOR THEY BESTOWED ON HIM.

4. AS PRESIDENT OF THE COPERNICUS SOCIETY OF AMERICA, MR. PISZEK WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING TO THE U.S. LAST YEAR THE VERY SUCCESSFUL, EXHIBIT ON THE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES OF THE GREAT POLISH ASTRONOMER. HE HAS SINCE BEGUN WORK ON THE PROMOTION OF POLISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN CIVILIZATION IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL.

5. FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO MANY HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS HE WAS AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE BY ALLIANCE COLLEGE IN 1971 AND LAST YEAR BY ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA.  
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